

*Stated Meeting, May 1, 1891.*

Present, 13 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of envoy were received from the K. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria; Société des Sciences Naturelles et Archéologiques de la Creuse, Guéret, France.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Naturhistorische Gesellschaft, Hanover, Prussia (131, 132, 133); R. Accademia dei Lincei, Prof. G. Sergi, Rome (131, 132, 133); Marquis Antoine de Gregorio, Palermo, Sicily (131, 132, 133); Société Nationale des Sciences Naturelles et Mathématiques, Cherbourg, France (131, 132, 133); Société des Sciences Naturelles et Archéologiques de la Creuse, Guéret, France (131, 132, 133); Prof. Léon de Rosny, Paris (131); Société Académique, Troyes (131, 132, 133); Société Polymathique de Morbihan, Vannes (131, 132, 133); Sir J. W. Dawson, Montreal (134); State Library of Massachusetts, Boston (134); Prof. Elihu Thomson, Swampscott, Mass. (134).

At request of the Kg. Norske Videnskabers Selskab, Thronhjelm, Norway, it was placed on list to receive Proceedings from 131.

The following societies were placed on the exchange list to receive Proceedings from No. 131:

K. Sächs. Meteorologische Institut, Leipzig; K. Sächs. Sternwarte, Leipzig; Académie des Sciences, etc., Angers, France; Schlesische Gesellschaft für Vaterländische Kultur, Breslau, Germany; Società Italiana delle Scienze (5 Piazza S. Pietro in Vincoli), Rome, Italy; Naturwiss. Verein, Regensburg, Germany; Bureau für Wetter Prognose, Leipzig, Saxony; Naturhist. Landes-Museum, Klagenfurt, Austria; Société Géologique de Normandie, Havre, France.

An engraved portrait of the late Prof. Von Rath was presented by his widow.

The following deaths of members were announced:

Rev. S. S. Lewis (Cambridge, England), March 31, 1891.

Dr. John LeConte (Berkeley, Cal.), April 29, 1891, æt. 73 (b. Dec. 4, 1818).

Dr. Joseph Leidy (Philadelphia), April 30, 1891 (b. Sept. 9, 1823).

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint suitable persons to prepare the usual obituary notices of Dr. Leidy and Dr. LeConte.

Prof. Lesley read a paper on "Artesian Wells in Philadelphia, Norristown, Montgomery and Delaware Counties," with notes by Prof. Oscar C. S. Carter.

Prof. Lesley presented a paper by Prof. Oscar C. S. Carter on "The Feldspar Bed in the Laurentian Gneiss near Lafayette Station."

Mr. Holman made an oral communication in relation to a new microscope, lately invented by him, by which objects distant from its front lens over two and a half feet could be readily examined in their habitat. For example, at that distance a salamander of a few inches in size would appear some thirty inches in length, and its whole circulation of blood would be plainly visible. The instrument uses a photographic lens as an object glass, and is really a short-focus telescope.

Pending nominations Nos. 1220 to 1229 (inclusive) were read.

Mr. J. Sergeant Price, the Treasurer, having reported to the Society that he had received through its attorney, Mr. John H. Harjes, of Paris, the sum of three thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars and forty-two cents, the full amount of the legacy of twenty thousand francs (at the exchange of 5.18 $\frac{1}{2}$  francs per docia) given to it by the will of the late Mr. Auguste Carlier, of Paris, a member of our Society, submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Mr. Louis Vossion, the French Consul at Philadelphia, for his aid in preparing the necessary papers and certificates therein for presenting our claim for said legacy to Mr. P. Massion, of Paris, the Executor of Mr. Auguste Carlier; he as a member of our Society declining to make any charge therefor for fees and expenses.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Mr. John H. Harjes, of the firm of Messrs. Drexel & Co., for his valuable services as our representative in Paris, in obtaining from Mr. P. Massion, the Executor of Mr. Auguste Carlier, the legacy of twenty thousand francs given to us by his will and remitting the same to us without any charge for the time and care given to our interests, which acts of kindness are highly appreciated by the Society.

The Committee on Extended Accommodations reported progress.

The deferred business being in order, the report of the Committee submitted March 6, 1891, was taken up.

Prof. Cope moved that the consideration of the same be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Society, and that notice thereof should be placed upon the meeting postal-cards.

Mr. Price moved, as a substitute and amendment, that the consideration of the report should be postponed until the first regular meeting in November, 1891.

The amendment, being put to a vote, was declared carried.

The resolution as amended was then unanimously adopted.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, May 15, 1891.*

Present, 19 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: A circular was received from the Observatorio de San Fernando announcing the death of the Director of the Observatory, Sr. D. Cecilio Pujazon.

Letters of envoy were received from the K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Royal Statistical Society, London.